An inter-ministerial consultation process has since been initiated to make an assessment regarding amounts to be contributed by the various Ministries to the Central Pool during the previous four financial years.

(b) to (d) There is no formal proposal to this effect. However, Chief Minister, Assam in his D.O. letter dated March 8, 2002 has intimated that the Public Works Department, Assam was proposing to form a Society with the Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) heading the society and the funds provided will come under Direct Payment System as was prevailing in the ARIASP (World Bank) works.

Formulation of National Slum Policy

*679. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had convened a meeting of Chief Ministers and Housing and Urban Development Ministers of all States for formulation of the National Slum Policy;

(b) if so, the number of Chief Ministers attended the meeting;

(c) the main issues discussed therein;

(d) whether any formulation of the National Slum Policy was considered; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Clearance of medical claims

*680. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of medical reimbursement claims of Government pensioners received in his Ministry under the CGHS relating to the period 1st January, 2002 to 31st March, 2002 could not be cleared by 31st March, 2002;